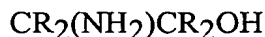


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. Detergent composition for cleaning floors comprising either: (1) from about 0.0001% to about 0.2%, (2) from about 0.0001% to about 0.1%, or (3) from about 0.0005% to about 0.08%, by weight of the composition, of hydrophilic, shear-thinning polymer that is capable of inhibiting molecular aggregation of surfactant solution on floors during the dry-down process.
2. The detergent composition according to Claim 1 wherein the hydrophilic, shear-thinning polymer either has a molecular weight of at least about 100,000 or a molecular weight of at least about 1,000,000, and optionally is xanthan gum, or, also optionally, is selected from the group consisting of xanthan gum, guar gum, gum arabic, pectin and mixtures thereof.
3. The detergent composition of Claim 1 or Claim 2 wherein either: (1) the level of detergent surfactant is from about 0.01% to about 0.50%; the level of one or more solvents is less than about 5.0%; and the pH is greater than about 9; (2) the level of detergent surfactant is from about 0.05% to about 0.30%; the level of one or more solvents is less than about 5.0%; and the pH is greater than about 9.5; or (3) the level of detergent surfactant is from about 0.10% to about 0.20%; the level of one or more solvents is less than about 5.0%; and the pH is greater than about 10.0.
4. A detergent composition according to any of Claims 1-3 wherein the composition is obtained by dilution with from about 1:50 to about 1:250 parts per part of the composition of water of a more concentrated product form prior to use.
5. The detergent composition of any of Claims 1-4 containing an effective amount of suds suppressor, said effective level optionally being either a level of from about 0.0005% to about 0.02% or a level of from about 0.001% to about 0.01%, and said suds suppressor optionally comprising a silicone suds suppressor.
6. The detergent composition of Claim 1 wherein the detergent surfactant has a predominantly linear structure and optionally is selected from the group consisting of straight chain anionic and nonionic detergent surfactants.

7. The detergent composition of Claim 1 wherein the alkalinity is provided, at least in an effective amount, by volatile alkaline agent, said volatile alkaline agent optionally being an alkanol amine having the formula:



wherein each R is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl groups containing from one to four carbon atoms and the total of carbon atoms in the compound is from three to six, which optionally is 2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol.

8. A kit comprising an implement containing a pad containing superabsorbent material and a detergent composition containing no more than about 0.5% detergent surfactant; a level of one, or more solvents, that is less than about 5.0%; and a pH of more than about 9.

9. The detergent composition of any of Claims 1-7 in a container, in association with instructions to use it with a pad containing a superabsorbent material.

10. The process of cleaning a surface, optionally comprising ceramic, vinyl, polyurethane coated vinyl, wood, pre-finished wood, and/or wood laminate surfaces, comprising applying an effective amount of a detergent composition containing no more than about 0.5% detergent surfactant; a level of one or more solvents, that is less than about 5.0%; optionally an effective amount of suds suppressor, and having a pH of more than about 9 and absorbing the composition in an absorbent structure comprising a superabsorbent material, or, optionally, absorbing the composition using a string, sponge, strip mop or floor cloth.

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